

THE LAST WITNESS OF THE BAPTIST TO HIS DISCIPLES John 3:22-36

I. The Last Witness of the Baptist to His Disciples (3:22-36)

A. John & Jesus Baptize New Followers (3:22-24)

* Here we again see both Jesus and John _____ in the Jordan with a message that the promised _____ was near its appearance.

B. A _____ Between the Two Groups (3:25-26)

Phil. 2:1-5

1. The dispute centered around _____ between some of John's disciple toward Jesus disciples.
2. Humility recognizes we are what we are by the _____ – this means we can be _____ in our assessments in life.

Some differences between false humility & true humility:

3. John the Baptist is truly _____ in light of this dispute!

*What is “envy”?

C. The Mindset of John the _____ (3:27-30)

*What does the thinking of John the Baptist reveal?

1. John saw his _____ and _____ as _____! (3:27)

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

2. He calls them his _____ to what he had stated so dogmatically, ... “I am not _____”! (3:28a)

3. He further states, “but I have been _____ before Him”, but only as a _____ to Him!

4. Next John used an illustration: The _____ and his _____ (3:29-30)

a. In this case, it's the _____ is who is _____!

b. The friend of the bridegroom _____ the bridegroom as his _____ & _____ that He is _____ & getting the attention of the people.

c. The Baptist, as the friend of the bridegroom, does not seek _____ for himself, but for the bridegroom. He is _____ that people are recognizing Jesus as the _____ and are _____ to Him.

d. So he declares that He (Jesus) must _____ more and more, while he (the Baptist) must _____ more and more (3:30).

D. The _____ of Christ & His Teaching (3:31-36)

1. The knowledge of Jesus _____ was given to John at His baptism by the Father & the HS, but here John himself testified that the _____ of Jesus Christ was from _____ (stated 2x) – meaning from _____.

2. This testimony of Jesus origin was a _____ to John the Baptist for him to tell others of the Christ.

3. There are _____ responses recorded to His _____:

a. One response was that _____ received his witness that Jesus was the Christ!

b. While the other stated, that others _____ his witness (vs 33) & certified that this testimony by John the Baptist was _____!

4. He who God has sent (Jesus), speaks the very _____ without _____!

“without measure” what does this mean?

5. God not only gave Jesus His Spirit without measure, but He has placed _____ in His hands as the _____ of His will.

6. As the Preeminent One, Jesus has the authority to either: give _____ to the _____ in Him, or to bring the _____ of God on the _____.

- What does all this mean to you?